

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A posture device for a horse comprising a fore posture above-a-knee horse leg gaiter having a weight and a means of attaching the fore posture horse leg gaiter on a leg of the horse above the knee of the horse and wherein the gaiter is only to be placed on the leg and is not to be placed on the torso of the horse.

2. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way that it is directed according to a predefined orientation when the gaiter is fixed on the horse.

3. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 2, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way as to be directed towards the inside of the horse.

4. (currently amended) A posture device for a horse comprising a hind posture horse leg gaiter having a weight and a means of attaching the hind posture horse leg gaiter on a leg of the horse, wherein the gaiter is realized in such a way that the weight is completely disposed in an upper half portion of the gaiter and the weight is disposed for location close to a hock of the horse when attached to the horse.

5. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 4, wherein the gaiter is realized in such a way as to be fixed below the hock.

6. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 4, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way that it is directed according to a predefined orientation when the gaiter is fixed on the horse.

7. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 6, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way as to be directed towards the inside of the horse.

8. (currently amended) A method of using a weighted fore posture gaiter for a horse comprising:

- a) selecting a fore posture horse leg gaiter ~~having a weight~~ according to claim 1, and
- b) attaching the fore posture horse leg gaiter on a fore leg of the horse above the knee of the horse and wherein the gaiter is only on the leg and is not on the torso of the horse.

9. (currently amended) A method of using a weighted hind posture gaiter for a horse comprising:

- a) selecting a hind posture horse leg gaiter ~~having a weight completely disposed in an upper half portion of the gaiter~~ according to claim 4, and
- b) attaching the hind posture horse leg gaiter on a hind leg of the horse, and wherein the weight is disposed close to a hock of the horse.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method of use of a weighted hind posture gaiter as claimed in claim 9, wherein the weight is set in the upper part of the gaiter.

12. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 5, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way that the weight is directed according to a predefined orientation when the gaiter is fixed on the horse.